

COUNTY LINES



OCTOBER 2004



Meetings/TCOB



Commissioners

Oct 4th 10:00am Tippecanoe Rm.
Oct 18th 10:00am Tippecanoe Rm.

Council

Oct 12th 2:00pm Tippecanoe Rm.

TEC

Oct 5th Noon Grand Prairie

Courts CLOSED

Oct 11th / Columbus Day

(Everyone else earns a personal day.)

Penny Huffman thanks all who donated to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society via the **Light the Night Walk** fundraiser. She collected \$657! The Probation Department collected the most donations in the Courthouse and the Board of Commissioners' Office collected the most in TCOB. Penny is donating cakes in appreciation.
Thank you, PENNY!

WINNERS of DOOR PRIZES at the SMITH OFFICE PRODUCT FAIR:

Cindi Crammer, Judy Bice, Deb Tague, Lori Coddington, Carol Grinnage, Mary sparks, Christa Coffey, Angie Thompson, Judy Chandler... **CONGRATULATIONS!**

PEDOMETER CHALLENGE DELAYED ON ACCOUNT OF RAIN???

NO! It is delayed on account of "not enough pedometers for the overwhelming response"!!! The Coalition for Living Well After 50 & Hodson's Bay (sponsors of the event) are pushing to have the rest of the needed pedometers delivered next week. **So the official start date will be October 11.**

If you haven't heard the buzz of this topic, go to your Outlook Public Bulletin Board and read "Pedometer Challenge..."

Put on your walking shoes and step counter for a 6-week competition against the cities!! Look for department challenges and other motivating tactics in the coming weeks. Look for bonus step opportunities.

**Tippecanoe County is the
leading government
agency---
Let's prove it!**



OCTOBER 2004 ANNIVERSARIES:

20 YEARS

Dorothy Schultz
Thomas Macy

15 YEARS

Ellen Burke
Doug Cripe
Patience McGruder
Deanna Sieber

5 YEARS

Sandra Fallon

September's Suggestion Box Question of the Month:

Do you consider the quality of services provided by Tippecanoe County Government to be ____?

A—low 1
B—average 2
C—high 1

Thank you to the 4 individuals who responded. If this is representative of the majority of employees (?), it means 50% of employees think the quality of services provided by Tippecanoe County are average, 25% above average, 25% below average.

October's Suggestion Box Question of the Month:

How many (estimated) steps do you take in a day?

A-- as few as possible
B-- oh, probably 5,000 or less
C-- close to 10,000 and I really work at it
D-- 10,000 or more



T4C

"Thinking for a Change"



July 2004

In recognition of their dedication to the rehabilitation of clients and community safety the Tippecanoe County Probation Department presented "Agent for Change" certificates to:

Community Corrections: **Susan Doring, James Wolf, Mike Taylor, David Karlstrand**

Juvenile Alternatives: **Allison Bock, Mary Edgar, Laura Speicher**

Home with Hope: **Darren A. Dunham**

Court Services: **Cindy Houseman, Doug Burgin, Lisa Smith**

Probation: **Kipp Scott, David Hullinger, Patricia Foerg, Mary Norton, Aaron Johnson, Ann Young, Bernie Iszler**

"Thinking for a Change" (T4C) is a cognitive behavioral program developed by the Department of Justice/National Institute of Corrections in an effort to offer offenders/clients the cognitive tools and pro-social support to change their behaviors and keep themselves out of trouble.

- ★ Tippecanoe County Probation and Community Corrections brought the program to Tippecanoe County in 2002 and began with a class of two clients. As of July, 2004 over 20 classes have been completed and over 100 clients have participated and completed the class.
- ★ Virtually all the county staff that facilitates the T4C classes do so voluntarily, outside of their regular duties– receiving only comp time for their extra work.
- ★ University of Cincinnati staff and Tippecanoe County Probation are collaborating to collect statistics on the effectiveness of T4C in lowering recidivism in Tippecanoe County.
- ★ **STAR AWARD** to Chief Probation Officer Kipp Scott who holds the county record for facilitating six T4C classes.



MEMOS from
HUMAN RESOURCES

BLOOD DRIVE

Sponsored by
Tippecanoe County Employees
Friday, October 8th
8:00 – 11:00 am
Bloodmobile on N. 3rd Street Parked
outside TCOB
Please,

Give the gift of Life.
(FREE T-SHIRT TO ALL DONORS)



**Wednesday, October 20th
Flex Benefits Enrollment**

8:30 A.M. Villa
9:30 A.M. TCOB, Tippe. Rm.
10:30 A.M. Sheriff
11:15 A.M. Community Corr.
1:00 P.M. 629 N. 6th St.
2:00 P.M. Cary Home
3:00 P.M. Extension Office

Come and learn what type of medical expense is eligible for reimbursement and how to determine how much to contribute to your flexible spending account. Plan to attend a meeting that is convenient for you.

RX Provider Changing

Effective January 1, 2005, prescriptions will be provided through Express Scripts, Inc.(ESI). All existing AdvancePCS members will be transitioned to ESI with a January 1, 2005 effective date. The Standard, Preauthorized and Manage Drug List are reviewed on a periodic basis. At this time, no changes are anticipated to these lists. Deductible and co-pays will remain the same. New ID cards will be issued. Additional information will be provided as it becomes available.

**Health Care Account
Contribution Increases**

The amount an employee may contribute to their Health Care Account in 2005 will increase to \$3,000--up from \$2,000 in 2004.

October is also Domestic Violence Awareness Month

as proclaimed by the Mayors of Lafayette and West Lafayette and the County Commissioners.

Look for purple ribbons, a survivor tree adorned with ornaments in honor of or in memory of a victim of domestic violence or sexual assault. A clothesline featuring t-shirts created by victims of these crimes will be on display at IVY Tech October 1-8.

The YWCA Domestic Violence Intervention and Prevention Program offers year-round victim assistance.



RE: PARKING

Questions, comments, suggestions:
parking@county.tippecanoe.in.us



Nothing like a good book! Check out the Book Exchange in the Employee Lounge on the 2nd floor of TCOB. Or, maybe you have some to donate. That would be much appreciated.



If you have news or information for COUNTY LINES, please email lhorton@county.tippecanoe.in.us

Look for information in November's County Lines on an **ALL EMPLOYEE CARRY-IN LUNCH** in the Tippecanoe Room of TCOB December 3rd.

If you haven't yet discovered the Public Bulletin Board in Microsoft Outlook, **call 711.**

County Central Mail & Duplicating wishes to acknowledge and thank all who are making an effort to improve addressing. By avoiding the use of handwritten addresses, more of our mail is eligible for discounts. Keep using your printers and labels for addresses. **Thanks, Jim Siemer**

October means **TRICK-OR-TREATERS**. If your office would like to receive little munchkins (age 12 and under) Friday, October 29th, and your Department Head approves of the idea, please email Linda Horton at lhorton@county.tippecanoe.in.us for information.

